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EXPERTS: OIL

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1. SCICOUNS MAY 5 MET WITH REPRESENTATIVES OIL,
GAS, AND COAL MINISTRIES AT MINPOWER TO DISCUSS
VISITS OF TEMPORARY GROUPS OF EXPERTS.

2. SCICOUNS TRANSMITTED LETTER CONTAINING POINTS
IN REF C TO KREMS OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM INDUSTRY
AND EXPLAINED USG POSITION THAT COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES UNDER THE
ENERGY AGREEMENT SHOULD BE CONFINED TO THOSE RESEARCH AREAS
IN WHICH THE USG ITSELF IS DIRECTLY INVOLVED. KREMS SAID HIS
MINISTRY STILL ADHERES TO POSITION
STATED BY DEPUTY MINISTER TAKOYEV (REF D) THAT PRIVATE US
FIRMS SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES UNDER THE AGREEMENT

3. KREMS SAID TAKOYEV WILL LEAD A SOVIET DELEGATION OF
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PETROLEUM SPECIALISTS TO CANADA IN LATE MAY AND

THEN WISHED TO VISIT THE US FOR 15 DAYS IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER, ARRIVING JUNE 4. EMBASSY HAS JUST TRANSMITTED TO TAKOYEV AN INVITATION FROM MR. H.L. BONIN, VICE PRESIDENT OF GULF OIL COMPANY TO VISIT NEW YORK, WASHINGTON, PITTSBURGH, CHICAGO, TULSA, HOUSTON AND LOS ANGELES. EMBASSY ALSO HAS RECEIVED COPY OF TELEX TO DEPARTMENT FROM STANDARD OIL OF INDIANA INVITING DELEGATION TO VISIT CHICAGO AND HOUSTON. IN VIEW OF THESE DEVELOPMENTS, TAKOYEV'S VISIT APPEARS TO BE PRIMARILY COMMERCIAL AND IT IS NOT CLEAR HOW AND WHEN DISCUSSIONS WITH US OFFICIALS ON COOPERATION UNDER THE AGREEMENT CAN TAKE PLACE DURING THE VISIT. IN ANY CASE, KREMS SAID THAT THE DELEGATION WISHES TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING TOPICS WITH THE US TEMPORARY EXPERTS GROUP IN OIL:

(A) EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AND INFORMATION ON THE "STATE OF THE ART" IN THE PETROLEUM INDUSTRIES OF BOTH COUNTRIES;

(B) ORGANIZATIONAL QUESTIONS ON FORMS AND MECHANISMS FOR COOPERATION;

(C) DISCUSSION OF SPECIFIC AREAS AND TOPICS FOR COOPERATION SUGGESTED BY BOTH SIDES. (KREMS ADDED THAT SOVIETS WISH TO INCLUDE COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES WITH PRIVATE FIRMS IN DISCUSSIONS);

(D) ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DURING DRILLING, EXTRACTION AND TRANSPORTATION OF OIL;

(E) MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS.

4. SCICOUNS PROMISED TO TRANSMIT ABOVE DESIRED PROGRAM TO ERDA, BUT POINTED OUT THAT US POSITION IS THAT PROGRESS IN INFORMATION AND FORECASTING AREA OF THE AGREEMENT MUST BE MADE BEFORE THERE CAN BE ANY COMMITMENT TO GO AHEAD IN THE OTHER NEW COOPERATIVE AREAS, INCLUDING THE OIL AREA. KREMS STRESSED THAT DEPUTY MINISTER TAKOYEV IS MOST ANXIOUS TO KNOW WHETHER US VISIT COULD BE ARRANGED AT TIME DESIRED

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IN VIEW OF HIS IMMINENT DEPARTURE FOR CANADA.

5. DEPUTY MINISTER TAKOYEV, AS HEAD OF SOVIET TEMPORARY EXPERTS GROUP ON OIL, REQUESTS NAME AND TITLE OF HIS US COUNTERPART. SOVIETS ANTICIPATING THAT US COUNTERPART WILL BE APPROXIMATELY EQUAL IN RANK TO TAKOYEV.

6. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE ASAP RESPONSE TO POINTS
RAISED ABOVE.
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